

News of Christ's Birth First Told to Shepherds

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

So begins the scriptural account of the most thrilling announcement ever made to mankind: the birth of Jesus. It was not made, interestingly enough, to the rich and powerful or even to one of the many prophets that the tiny country of Israel seemed to produce in such abundance during Biblical times.

The "good news" that the Messiah had at last come to a waiting world was first announced to a group of shepherds tending their flock through the night, St. Luke tells us. Even though Christ was probably not born during the winter, when we traditionally celebrate His birth (scientists believe that it actually occurred in the springtime) the shepherds were probably doing their best to keep warm in the chill night air; one can imagine them huddled around a fire, perhaps making the lonely hours pass with occasional conversation.

Suddenly, there is a dazzling sight, so dazzling that, St. Luke tells us, "they were sore afraid". The angel that appeared in the midst of them sought to reassure them, saying "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

The angel describes the Christ Child to the awe-struck shepherds and soon they see an even more dazzling sight... a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

With the words of the angels echoing in their ears — "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" — the amazed shepherds decide that they will go into Bethlehem and see this wonderful event for themselves. And so they went to Bethlehem "with haste," the scriptures say, to find Mary and Joseph with the Christ Child lying in a manger.

No further mention is made of those shepherds in the scriptures... they appear on the horizon at a momentous time in history, only to disappear.

Turkey Shoot

There will be a Turkey Shoot on Frank Hensley's Farm at Mareburg Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will also be a turkey shoot at the same location on New Year's Eve and

New Year's Day.

Dressed turkeys and chickens and rams will be given away. So, bring your rifles, .22's and high-powered rifles and come on out.

missing from the trunk. Could he hold the parking lot liable for his loss?

In a court hearing, Harold demanded compensation. He argued that when the lot took responsibility for his car, it also took responsibility for "normal" contents such as golf clubs.

But the court turned Harold down. Even though many motorists are golfers, said the court, a parking lot need not assume there is a set of clubs in every trunk.

Generally speaking, a parking lot is not responsible for a car's undisclosed contents. In fact, there may be some doubt of liability even if the contents are disclosed.

In another case a man who left his car overnight in a parking garage reported the theft of \$25,000 in jewelry. Claiming damages from the garage, he pointed out in court that he had called the attendants attention to the jewelry.

But the court denied his claim, saying it was unreasonable for him to think the night attendant at a garage would have the authority to take on such a major responsibility.

"The company is in the business of storing cars," said the court, "not jewelry."

In most cases, however, an attendant's promise to "keep an eye on" a car's contents is held legally binding on the company. One woman, leaving her car in a parking structure, asked the manager if the dresses she had in the back seat would be safe.

"Definitely," he replied. But the dresses did vanish and the woman did sue.

At the trial the company protested that the manager had "exceeded his authority" under company rules. But the court said it must pay anyhow. The court said the woman, knowing nothing of the company's internal arrangements, had every reason to rely on what the manager told her.

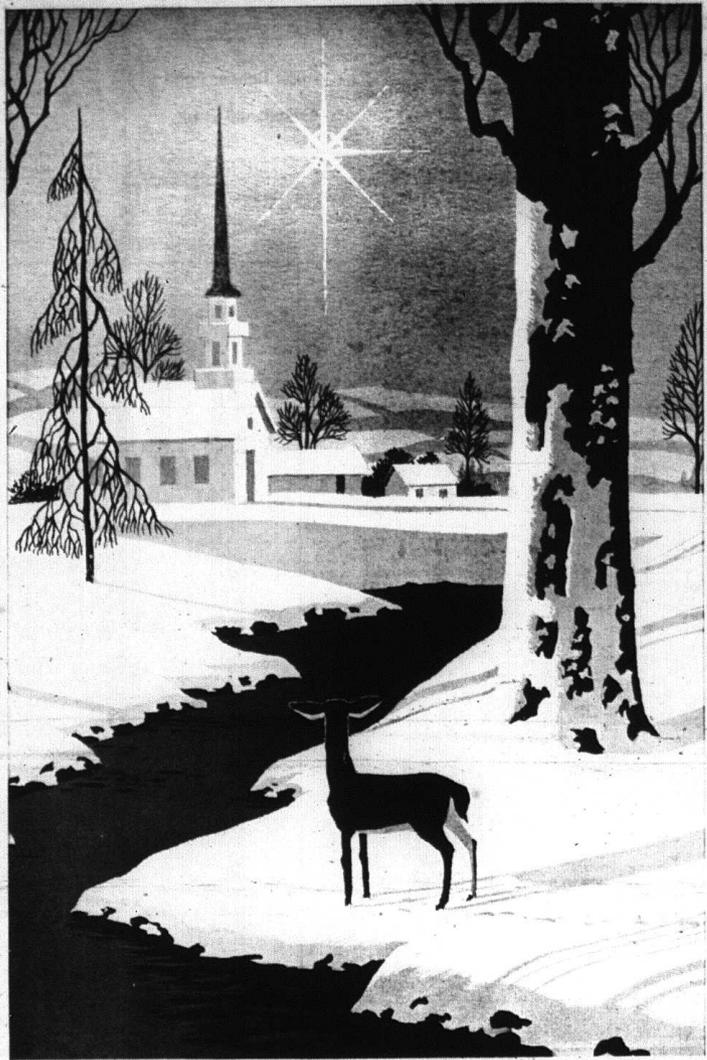
THE FAMILY LAWYER

By Will Bernard

MISSING GOLF CLUBS

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